

# Public School Closed Yesterday.

A very successful nine months term of our public schools closed yesterday afternoon with short and very appropriate exercises. The enrollment reached during the term 380 pupils which were graded as well as could be under the circumstances. The school has been too crowded for the teachers to accomplish what might be expected of them under more favorable circumstances, but people knowing this greatly appreciate Prof. Ware's efforts. The eight grades have been handled by four teachers at an expense of \$3,000.00. Some improvements in the way of desks have been added and the value of the building and its equipment is about \$10,000.00. Bonds have been voted for additional building space for next year and a ten mill levy for school purposes. The improvements contemplated will be about \$4,000.00 and six teachers will be employed next year which will cost about \$5,000.00. A ninth grade will be added and it is expected that the enrollment will reach at least 500 next year.

A part of the closing exercises yesterday was the awarding of a gold medal offered by M.B. Goldenberg for the best average made during the term for deportment and scholarship. There were three very worthy and close competitors for this honor, the medal being awarded to Merle Koch, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Koch. The medal was presented by Miss Barker from the primary department. Prof. Ware and Miss Barker have signed contracts for next year, no other applications have been received at this time.

Jack, the son of Donald Stewart, he manager for the Gross-Kelly people here, who is one of the class of 1907 in the Military Institute at Roswell, writes his father that commencement exercises will end there on Wednesday of next week. Young Stewart has made a very brilliant record in that school. He is eighteen years of age.

The Angel of death called from the home of Ben Robertson, Friday morning, his daughter Louie, a young woman 19 years of age. Miss Robertson was sick only three days, the cause of her death being pneumonia. One of the saddest features of this death is the fact that Miss Robertson was betrothed to a young man living in Okla., and would have been led to the altar the first of June. The family have the sympathy of the entire community.

The Ladies' Aid will meet Wednesday afternoon, the 23rd inst at the home of Mrs. Donald Stewart, at 3:30.

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